

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-identified application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for tracking metadata related to an information object inserted into a document, the method comprising ~~the steps of:~~

compiling metadata describing an information object collected from a source document;

scanning the source document to generate additional metadata related to a copyright status of the source document;

storing the metadata, the additional metadata and the corresponding information object in a memory;

inserting the information object into a first destination document; and

inserting the metadata and the additional metadata into a second destination document, wherein the second destination document is associated with the first destination document.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first destination document is a word processing document.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the information object is computer source code.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the metadata includes information providing attribution for the information object.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the metadata includes information related to the source document.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the metadata is not viewable during at least one processing phase of the first destination document.

8. (Currently amended) A system for tracking metadata related to an information object inserted into a document, comprising:

a computing system;

a source document;

a first destination document;

an information object collected from the source document;

a metadata object describing the information object;

logic, executed on the computing system, for scanning the source document to generate additional metadata corresponding to the copyright status of the source document;

logic, executed on the computing system, for inserting the information object into the first destination document;
a second destination document; and
logic, executed on the computing system, for inserting the metadata and the additional metadata into the second destination document, wherein the second destination document is correlated to the first destination document.

9. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the first destination document is a word processing document.

10. (Previously presented) The system of claim 8, wherein the information object is computer source code.

11. (Previously presented) The system of claim 8, wherein the metadata object includes information providing attribution for the information object.

12. (Previously presented) The system of claim 8, wherein the metadata object includes information related to the source document.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously presented) The system of claim 8, wherein the metadata object is not viewable during at least one processing phase of the first destination document.

15. (Currently amended) A computer program product for tracking metadata related to an information object inserted into a document, comprising:

a recording medium;

means, stored on the recording medium, for compiling metadata describing an information object collected from a source document;

means, stored on the recording medium, for scanning the source document to generate additional metadata corresponding to a copyright status of the source document;

means, stored on the recording medium, for storing the metadata, the additional metadata and the corresponding information object in a memory;

means, stored on the recording medium, for inserting the information object into a first destination document; and

means, stored on the recording medium, for inserting the metadata and the additional metadata into a second destination document, wherein the second destination document is associated with the first destination document.

16. (Original) The computer programming product of claim 15, wherein the first destination document is a word processing document.

17. (Original) The computer programming product of claim 15, wherein the information object is computer source code.

18. (Original) The computer programming product of claim 15, wherein the metadata includes information providing attribution for the information object.

19. (Original) The computer programming product of claim 15, wherein the metadata includes information related to the source document.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently amended) A method for compiling and storing metadata, comprising the steps of:

compiling metadata corresponding to an information object collected from a source document, wherein the metadata is information related the information object;

scanning the source document to generate additional metadata related to a copyright status of the source document;

inserting the information object into a first destination document; and

storing the metadata and the additional metadata in a second destination document such that the second destination document is correlated with the first destination document.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the metadata is information related to the source of the information object.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently amended) A method of accessing metadata and associating the metadata with an information object, comprising the steps of:

accessing a first document; ~~and~~

scanning the first document to produce metadata corresponding to a

copyright status of the first document; and

retrieving a metadata object and the metadata corresponding to a copyright

status of the first document, stored in conjunction with the first

document and associated with an information object included in a

second document, wherein the metadata object includes

information relating to the source of the information object and the

first document is associated with the second document.